

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.58
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Collins, Freeman House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Harding, Capt. Henry K. House
<b>Address:</b>	385 Bridge Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	20-070
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1870
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	EAS.J: Bridge - Dyer Prince Roads Area
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Poured Concrete



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Town

Eastham

Neighborhood or village)

385 Bridge Road

Common Name

Present Residential

Original "

Construction Between 1858  
and 1880

See Bibliography\*

Form House and a Half Cape Cod  
House Form

Architect/Builder

here. Indicate North.

Exterior Material:

Foundation Poured Concrete

Wall/Trim Clapboard (Facade)  
Shingles (Other Elevations)

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
Free-standing Garage with attached Shed-  
roofed Shed.

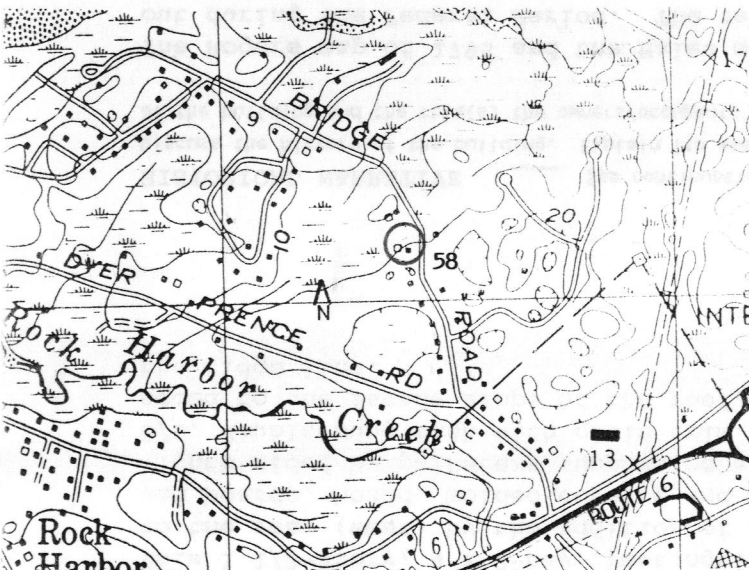
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .59 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,  
rural area near the intersection of Dyer  
Prince Road.



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BUILDING FORM

385 Bridge Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, 4 x 2-bay, rectangular, gable-roofed house has been expanded to the rear (west) by the addition of a 1 1/2-story ell. Detail is limited to end boards, boxed, molded cornice and main entry of 6-panel door with top lights sided by pilasters supporting an entablature. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim. A 2-bay, gable-roofed dormer has been added to the facade slope of the roof. A reduced, central chimney stands on the ridge line.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The Rogers map of 1795 and the Hales map of 1831 indicate Bridge Road was laid out during the Federal Period. The reconnaissance report of the Massachusetts Historical Commission describes the road as a local loop off King's Highway. The second meetinghouse was built in the area by 1720 and a school was built in 1762. By 1831, there were salt works, several residences and a shallow canal from the Boat Meadow River to Town Cove near the southern end of Bridge Road. The road was extended north in 1837 when a bridge was constructed over the Boat Meadow River and accorded a name to the route. Agriculture played an important role in the development of Eastham from the Colonial Period through the Early Modern Period.

According to deed research completed in 1992 by Ed Harnett and Nancy Heller of the Eastham Historical Society, the first owners identified with this dwelling are Henry K. and Betsey Harding who lived nearby at 220 Bridge Street (see Form No. 56). On February 5, 1876, they sold approximately 3 acres of land "with all buildings, except a carpenter's shop, thereon" to Freeman A. Collins. Although a house may be included among the buildings mentioned in the deed, none is specified and no house appears at this site on the 1858 map of Eastham.

Freeman Collins was a descendant of Thomas Collins, who came from Ireland and was "bound out" to a family in Eastham. Freeman Collins and his wife Laurena (Smith) Collins, daughter of Martha (Linell) and William E. Smith of Orleans, lived here until approximately 1922. Freeman Collins operated a farm and also sold meat and provisions along Route 6 from a cart. He is listed as a purveyor of provisions in the resident directory of 1901.

The property was inherited by Harry W. Collins, the son of Freeman and Laurena Collins. His widow sold the property in 1964 to Edmund B. and Harriet B. Burke.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ See continuation sheet.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.



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